

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SIDBI
Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of SIDBI branches in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of new branches of SIDBI opened during 2004-05 till date;
- (c) whether the small scale industrial entrepreneurs are able to get appropriate loans from the said banks; and
- (d) if so, the criteria adopted in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has 43 branches all over the country. The State-wise break-up is given in the Annexure.
- (b) SIDBI has opened one new branch at Baddi, Himachal Pradesh in February, 2005.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) SIDBI has been extending assistance to SSI units directly and under the refinance route through state level institutions and banks. SIDBI has been operating a number of tailor made schemes with varied criteria.